

City Council
Transportation
Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, November 30, 2006

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Mayor Jose Esteves, Tom Williams, Jaime Rodriguez, Janice Nadal

Quorum was not established

1. Call to Order

- The Transportation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Forum

There were no members in the audience wishing to speak.

4. Approval of May Meeting Minutes*

- Action was not taken due to lack of quorum

5. BART Update

- **Station Design Update presented by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)**
 - Staff Jaime Rodriguez reviewed concept plans on Montague Station. Staff has been working closely with the VTA to design a station layout that is both beneficial to the land uses for Milpitas and the ridership for the VTA.
 - The first concept includes surface parking surrounding the Montague station. Mayor Esteves stated this is the least desirable option and is not an option for the City of Milpitas.
 - The remaining options include mixed use incorporating parking within the footprint such as retail, hotel, and residential units.
 - An additional option includes a retained-cut and aerial station design over Montague Expressway as opposed to south of Montague expressway. This option City staff requested the VTA to review as it allows for access across Montague and to and from the Great Mall of the Bay Area.
 - VTA Staff Marian Lee-Skrownek clarified in concepts 3 & 4, surface parking is listed but will be identified as future land use.
 - Mayor Esteves preferred an underground or retained-cut station to maximize best use of land and is against just surface parking. He states the land is prime-area and to save every inch of the surface area for the best land-use. Other big cities such as San Francisco have retained or underground stations and develop at grade. He does not want a parking situation such as the <Fremont BART Station>.
 - Staff Tom Williams stated that the land use types would be consistent with the Transit Area Plan.

- Staff Kat Mereigh stated that the VTA is performing a parking strategy study to look at different ways to develop the land surrounding the station such as working with a master developer, retail, or joint-parking.
- VTA Staff will modify the concepts and re-label the “surface parking” on Concepts 3 & 4 to “future land use”.
- City staff will continue coordination with the VTA in developing the Montague Station design.
- **BART Station Name**
 - City staff will work with VTA staff on naming the BART station at Montague as the “Milpitas BART Station”. Ms. Lee-Skrownek stated that when the City has gone through their approval process, to forward their request to the VTA BART Policy Advisory Board. A future BART Station near Calaveras Blvd. May be named “Milpitas Midtown BART Station”.
- **Dixon Landing Road & Milmont Road rail alignment update**
Staff requested this item to be deferred, as City and VTA staff has not met to resolve issues or produce an update on the alignment situation.

6. Carlo Street Reopening at Abel Street & Calaveras Blvd.

- Staff Jaime Rodriguez presented a slideshow to recommend the opening of Carlo Street to Calaveras Blvd.
 - Opening of Carlo Street would consist of converting the Carlo Street on-ramp to eastbound Calaveras Blvd to an off-ramp or reopen Carlo Street at Abel Calaveras with minor modifications.
- Mayor Esteves requested the item to be taken to the next City Council meeting, recommending the ramp conversion. The item is on the December 5, 2006 Council Meeting agenda.

7. Clean and Safe Streets Program Update

- Mayor Esteves requested this item be deferred as Vice Mayor Gomez was not in attendance and is very interested in this topic.

8. Other Business

*All items under “Other Business” are for information and updates only. City staff will follow up on these items and possibly agendize for future meetings.
 There were no items discussed*

9. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting- TBD

Staff will poll the Transportation Subcommittee on availability

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.